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SUBJECT: MNE GUIDELINES - MEETING WITH TUAC AND AFL-CIO
REPRESENTATIVE, FEBRUARY 10, 1975

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1. IN MEETING ORGANIZED BY OECD SECRETARIAT (EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS DIVISION) AND BY TUAC SECRETARY-GENERAL (H.
BERNARD), EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MNE GUIDELINES EXERCISE
TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975, WITH RESPONSIBLE
SECRETARIAT PERSON (VOGELAAR), HEAD OF US DEL TO OECD
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (CIME) (BOEKER) AND LABOR GROUP
CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF TUAC AND TWO REPRESENT-
TIVES OF AFL-CIO, (O'KEEFE - RETAIL CLERKS INTER-
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; AND BARTON, AFL-CIO REP IN
PARIS). AS INDICATED IN NOVEMBER, 1975, BIAC/TUAC
CONSULTATIONS WITH CIME, AFL-CIO AS NON-MEMBER OF
TUAC HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN TUAC DELIBERATIONS
ON MNE GUIDELINES. PURPOSE OF FEBRUARY 10 MEETING
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WAS TO GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO AFL-CIO REPS TO HEAR

ABOUT PROGRESS OF CIME WORK PROGRAM IN THIS AREA.

2. AFL-CIO REP (O'KEEFE) OPENED MEETING BY SAYING THAT AT PRESENT THE OFFICIAL AFL-CIO VIEW IS THAT ENDORSEMENT OF OECD MNE GUIDELINES WOULD BE "BUYING INTO A FAILURE". O'KEEFE HOPES, HOWEVER, TO PERSUADE AFL-CIO TO TAKE A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE SINCE HE VIEWS THE OECD AS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL EXERCISE ON MNE'S WHICH IS WORTHWHILE TO PURSUE TO A CONCRETE RESULT (I.E. AS OPPOSED TO UN). US DEL (BOEKER) POINTED OUT THAT AFL-CIO WAS VERY EARLY ON INVITED INTO THE STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY GROUP ON MNE'S, BUT THAT, TO DATE, LABOR REPRESENTATION HAD BEEN LIMITED TO A UAW DELEGATE. BOEKER STATED HE WOULD ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOME INCREASED PARTICIPATION AND INPUT FROM AFL-CIO INTO THE ADVISORY GROUP ON MNE'S. HE PROMISED TO SEND TO AFL-CIO THE LATEST DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ADVISORY GROUP PARTICIPANTS.

3. REST OF MEETING SPENT IN ANOTHER ITEM BY ITEM DESCRIPTION BY OTHER TUAC REPS OF AREAS IN MNE GUIDELINES WHERE THEY SAW PROBLEMS, I.E. CONSULTATIONS, DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PROBLEMS. POINTS ADVANCED WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED REFTEL. TUAC PROMISED TO DISTRIBUTE ITS IDEAS IN THE FORM OF SPECIFIC WRITTEN DRAFTING CHANGES IN TIME FOR CIME DRAFTING GROUP TO LOOK AT THEM AT FEBRUARY 16, 17 MEETING. VOGELAAR SUGGESTED THAT TUAC VIEWS COULD BE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY AT DRAFTING GROUP.

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